

## POST OFFICE IN RUT, CHARGE IN TAKING JOB FROM MORGAN

Appointment of Patten Based on Inspectors' Reports of Methods Used Here.

The removal of Postmaster Edward M. Morgan and the appointment of Congressman Thomas G. Patten in his place was the result of reports made to Postmaster General Burleson by special inspectors of conditions found in the New York Post Office.

It had been the intention of the Administration at Washington to take no action in the New York case until March 4 or much later, but the Postmaster General was stirred to immediate action by the preliminary reports of his inspectors, who advised him that the service was suffering from a plain case of "too long in office."

Ten years' occupancy of the same job by Postmaster Morgan and many of his assistants has resulted, according to the reports, in slackness of service, indifference to the public, decrease in efficiency and loss of energy which required a prompt infusion of new blood. In a word, it is charged the office has been allowed to run into a rut.

Postmaster Morgan broadly intimated there had been a breach of faith on part of the postal authorities in appointing Congressman Patten at this time. He said he had been promised no appointment would be made without giving him an opportunity to be heard.

According to Washington despatches, Mr. Patten may hold the Postmastership for life if he chooses, as it is said to be the President's plan to place Presidential postmasters under civil service, with practically life tenure if good behavior obtains, by executive order soon after March 4.

## Boys Confess They Stole Nine Autos in Few Weeks.

John Cook of No. 399 Fourteenth Street and Joseph Morgan of No. 257 Nineteenth Street, fifteen-year-old Brooklyn boys, admitted yesterday in the Children's Court of that during the last few weeks they stole nine automobiles "just for fun." According to the lads, they took the machines, and after having "joy" rides, abandoned them, all of which were recovered. Justice Wilson held them in \$100 bail for sentence next Friday.



## Flush the Kidneys

Now Uric Acid Causes Gout, Rheumatism, Lumbago (By L. H. SMITH, M. D.)

It was not until the discovery by Sir Arthur Garrod, in 1848, that the blood of gouty patients contained uric acid in an excessively large amount, that much attention was paid to this subject. Later scientific men learned that in gout, also rheumatism, the kidneys do not work properly to throw off the uric acid poison; consequently uric acid crystals are deposited in and about the joints,

## 'DROWNED' THREE YEARS AGO; NOW REPORTED ALIVE

Brother of Missing Musician Gets Clue to Selden Miller in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 17.—That Selden Miller, a noted organist and musician of Philadelphia, who achieved international fame and was believed to have drowned near Kenosha in 1914, is still alive, was the startling possibility revealed here today on receipt of a letter, apparently from a brother, D. Emilen Miller of Philadelphia.

The letter stated that the body now lying in the Miller lot in Philadelphia is not that of the young musician. The writer believes Miller is working on a farm near Milwaukee and asks Miss Margaret Rice, a musician here, with whom Miller was acquainted, to begin a search for him.

Selden Hare Miller was reported missing in despatches from Florence, Italy, in December, 1913. It was stated that he had been living at No. 29 Casa Pauli Via Verdi, at Fiesole, and had disappeared in November. The publication of the news was quickly followed by a denial from his family in Philadelphia. His brother, Emilen Hare Miller, a prominent lawyer in Philadelphia, said he had recently arrived at his home, No. 312 South Tenth Street, Philadelphia, after his usual summer work in Florence, and "is now temporarily out of the city."

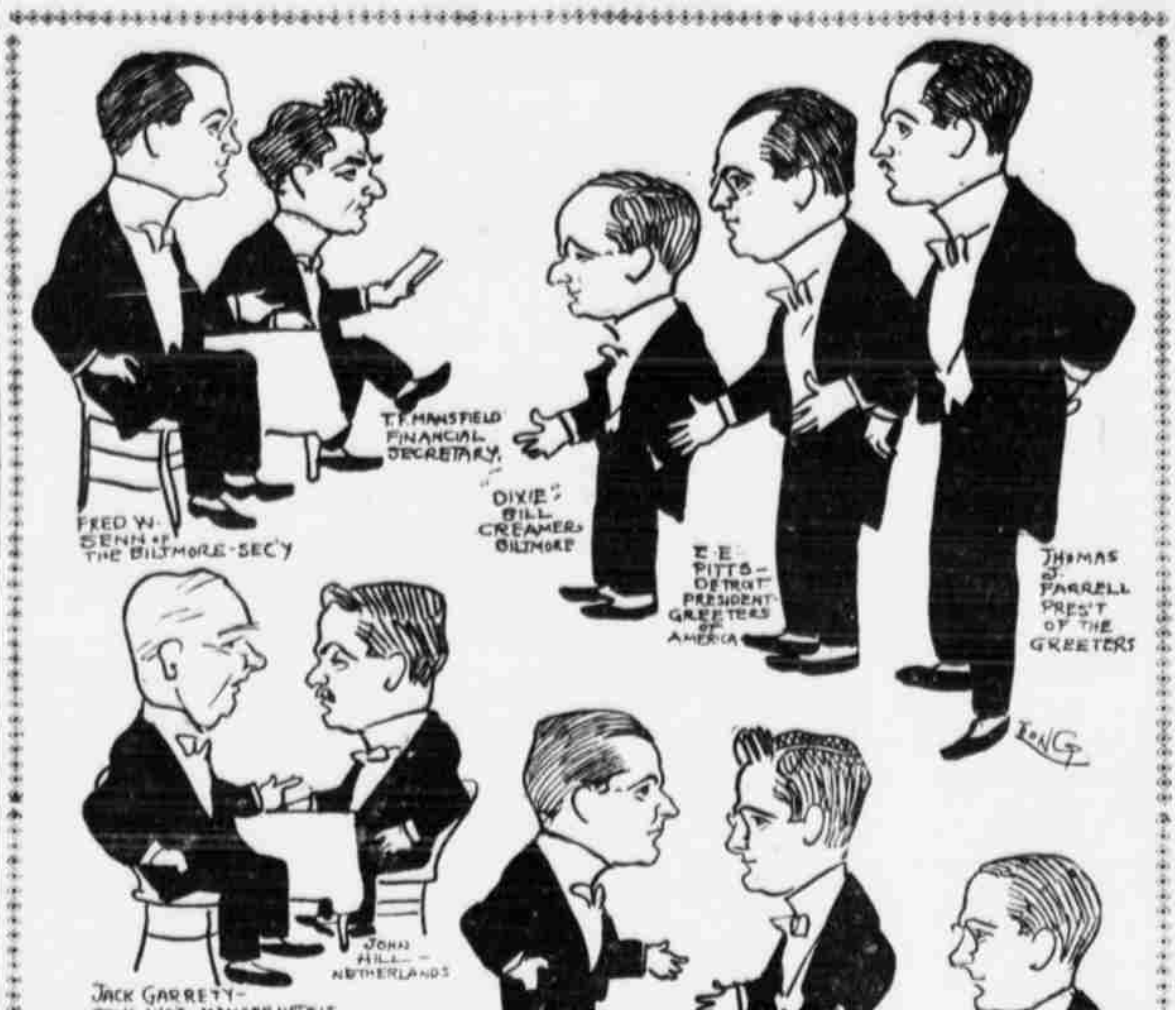
The body of a drowned man was found on Oct. 18, 1914, floating in the Pike River, north of Kenosha, Wis. It was reported at first that it was the body of Alfred Freeman, who had been employed as piano player in a moving picture theatre in Milwaukee, but ten days later Emilen Hare Miller went to Kenosha and identified the body as that of his brother Selden.

It was stated then that Selden had disappeared from his home in Philadelphia a year before. No trace had been found of him until the drowned man was identified. But when the body reached Philadelphia the family physician, Alfred Reginald Allen, and a dentist, Dr. J. Clarence Salva, convinced the family that they were mistaken. Later it was learned that a musician giving his name as Miller had entered a sanatorium and had worn jewelry marked "Selden" added to the mystery.

in the muscles, where an inflammation is set up in the nearby tissues. Hague has said, that "gout is rheumatism, and rheumatism is gout." If uric acid is formed in excess within the body it is passed on to the kidneys, which act as a filter to pass off this poison. If the excess is not excreted by the kidneys, it is distributed throughout the tissues. The choice sites for such storage are in the joints, muscle-sheaths, where the circulation is weakest, and where also the alkalinity of the blood is lowest. Consequently we must do everything to throw off this uric acid poison, and simple methods are best. Flush the kidneys by drinking 6 to 8 glasses of water between meals. A pint of hot water a half hour before meals.

Take Anuric (double or triple strength), three times a day for strength. Invigorate and assist the kidneys to flush out the uric acid poisons. During winter months the circulation is apt to be sluggish and the blood stream retarded. If uric acid is present it is apt to clog the capillaries. This accounts for many acute conditions, such as headache, neuralgia, gastric disturbances, and dull mind. As the condition progresses, it often has lumbago, disease of the back and arteries, breaking down of the kidneys, rheumatism and gouty symptoms. Eat less meat, drink more water, and take Anuric (double or triple strength) after meals and at bedtime for several weeks at a time, and you will be free from uric acid and the diseases that follow. —Advt.

## Some of Greater New York's Greeters, Who Greeted Themselves and Others at Their Ninth Annual Ball



## GREETERS GREET THE RISING SUN AS THEIR BALL GUEST

Ninth Annual Entertainment of the Hotel Clerks the Gladdest-Handed of All.

The Greeters of Greater New York greeted themselves and their guests last night in the Louis XIV. ballroom of the Biltmore. There were many Greeters and many guests; many of the greeters, to mention the most beautiful of which would be invidious. The ballroom was fairland. It was better than fairland. It was real. Decorations were real and the music was real and the fairy shapes who floated hither and yon in the dance were real.

The Greeters—you know them—are the men who grab your hand when you enter a hotel, make you think you're a millionaire, until they find that you're not; give you the best room in the house, when there isn't any best room; know more about the place you came from than you ever thought there was to know; give you a benediction, and can patter about geography from Patagonia to Puget Sound—they are the hotel clerks of New York.

They are the inside decorations of a hotel which make life worth living and existence the essence of joy. Once a year they have a ball, and last night was the night. Jack McElroy, who owns the ballroom and the lights and they furnished their own music and partners.

A wonderful man is Bowman. He does things on a scale of Neapolitan grandeur and makes them stand up like the brick wall of Hagadad. He promised to be with the Greeters, and he was. He looked over the scenery, turned on more lights, said

## IN FIVE MINUTES NO SICK STOMACH INDIGESTION, GAS

"Pape's Diapiesin" is the quickest and surest Stomach relief.

You don't know what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt, if sick, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented and turned sour, head dizzy and aches, belch, gas, indigestion, eructate undigested food, breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapiesin to neutralize acidity and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women to-day know that it is needless to leave the house, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless antacid is Pape's Diapiesin which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it stops food souring and sets things straight, is gentle and easy, that it is so sure, assuring your stomach will digest your meals if you keep acids neutralized. —Advt.

## U. S. CONTINUES FIGHT ON STEEL AND HARVESTER

Files Brief in the Supreme Court in Efforts to Dissolve Big Combines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The Department of Justice today filed briefs in the United States Supreme Court regarding the suits to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation and the International Harvester Company.

The brief in the Steel case assails the action of the lower courts in refusing a dissolution order, setting forth that the corporation controls more than half the industry, sets and maintains prices for steel rails and that it is just as much a monopolist as the combination between the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, which were ordered dissolved by the same lower courts after the decision in the Steel case.

The brief in the Harvester case seeks to uphold the decision of the lower courts ordering dissolution on the ground that it exercises almost complete control of the trade in agricultural implements and specifically controls 55 per cent. of the imports of such, the principal constituent of binder twine.

"QUACKS" FINED \$30,000. Men Who Sold "Flesh Producer" Fined \$30,000. A. H. Jones and Herbert E. Woodward, both of Birmingham, found guilty in United States Court for fraudulent use of the mails in selling sargol, an alleged "flesh producer," were sentenced by Judge George W. East to pay fines aggregating \$30,000.

In view of the fact that Judge Ray had imposed a \$10,000 fine on the defendants, announced they would waive all appeals and paid their fine promptly for eighteen years, but youth and today of the golden card of membership. G. A. Graham Jr., formerly of New England and now of New York, helped him to carry it, and incidentally, he is going to help Thomas J. Farrell to carry his election. William Creamer, Disick Bill of the Biltmore, was busy early in the evening and then much busier on the floor with two very pretty girls. John P. Garrety, old friend Jack, one of the old time greeters, looked like a family man, but didn't miss a dance. Jack is now general manager of the Manger hotels. The chain includes the Hotel Neiderland, Hotel Endicott, Great Northern, Grand Hotel and Hotel Navarro. Basil J. Curran of the St. Regis stayed long enough to have his picture taken.

Fred W. Senn of the Biltmore was another willing greeter who was right on the job. Oh, yes, the Biltmore was well represented in addition to its gift of the ballroom. E. J. Fay, handsome and pithy in person, a Beau Brummel of Broadway for eighteen years, lent youth and poise to the occasion. Also, there was J. P. Owens of the Gotham.

Harry P. Skinnon of the Chamber, and always lends his dignity to the gatherings of the Greeters. No greater executive genius exists in the hotel association and no hotel man takes greater interest in the welfare of the Greeters. Thomas P. Mansfield, Financial Secretary, was present in finest array and received numerous congratulations for the book he issued for the occasion.

"Joe" Johnson and Col. Crosby of the Hotel Reporter were among the late arrivals, but were too late for the grand march at midnight. "Joe" gets finish from the Greeters' dances, while the Colonel takes an avoirdupois. Nobody who got there was late, for there was no time limit, on the dancing and many of the Greeters were in the line in the rising sun. The ball was a success in every feature and all that remains to be done is to elect Thomas J. Farrell National President in June.

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Detectives searched all the pawnshops in Harlem and the Bronx this afternoon seeking to trace Miss Cruger's gold wrist watch bearing her initials in blue enamel, and her Wadsworth High School graduating ring. They believe that if anything untoward had happened to her these articles would at once be turned into money by those who were responsible for her disappearance.

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## NABS "PHONY COP" WHO PUT LAUGH ON HIM 8 YEARS AGO

Scar on Alleged Impostor's Neck Brings Revenge to Lieutenant Dunn.

Police Lieut. Dunn of the West Sixty-eighth Street Station to-day got the revenge for which he had been waiting eight years. He was formerly attached to the East Fifty-first Street Station, and one night a man posing as a plain clothes policeman brought in a prisoner.

The next day no one appeared to prosecute the man. Investigation showed that the arrest had been made by a "phony cop." Commissioner Bingham thereupon issued an order that all plain clothes men, on taking prisoners to a station, show their shields. Lieut. Dunn was unmercifully "joshed" by friends in the department over the episode.

Early to-day a man wearing a peaked cap, a corduroy suit, a blue flannel shirt and a fancy vest, lugged a prisoner into the West Sixty-eighth Street Station and said to Dunn:

"I'm Sergt. John Wilson of the Second Branch, Detective Bureau. I've brought in this man for drunkenness and want him locked up."

"Show your shield," said the Lieutenant. The man displayed shield No. 564.

"Well, call up your branch and report the arrest," suggested Dunn.

"Never mind, I'm going right there now, and I'll report in person," said "Sergeant Wilson."

As the supposed plain clothes man turned, his flannel collar flapped apart and Dunn saw a long scar on his neck. Dunn bounded out, called the reserves and pursued the "detective," followed by a flock of policemen. They caught him at Broadway and Sixty-eighth Street. That isn't all they did to him, but the rest didn't appear on the record.

Back in the station, the man described himself as John Gleason, occupation and address refused, according to the police. The shield he carried was No. 564. This was by Sergeant Valentine, of Dan Corrigan's squad. The scar was his undoing. The man who fooled Dunn eight years ago had such a mark and Dunn recognized him when he saw it again to-day.

The prisoner brought in by "Sergeant Wilson" said his name was Charles Manning, an auditor, of No. 109 West Seventy-seventh Street. The police said, after investigation, that Manning and "Sergeant Wilson" had been drinking together for several hours, "Wilson" paying for most of the drinks.

Hanning had \$120 in his pocket. Policeman Malloy furnished one detail that the police thought might shed some light on the "arrest." He met the "detective" with the man in tow at Seventy-fifth Street and Broadway. The "detective" said he was taking him to the Second Branch for a hold-up. Malloy suggested he take him to the station, and trailed along through curiosity. The police think "Sergeant Wilson" would not have taken his prisoner to the station if he hadn't seen the policeman following.

Gleason is charged with impersonating an officer. Hanning was held on a charge of intoxication.

## SUGAR WORKERS STRIKE.

Part of Jersey City Force Out. Foreman Wounded by Blast. A considerable number of the 1400 employees of the American Sugar Refining Company's plant in Jersey City, N. J., went on strike today, claiming that the company was not a sympathetic measure by the striking employees of the Williamsburg Refining Company, which had been out for work. The officials of the plant denied more than 200 were out.

Michael Sargant, a foreman, of No. 28 Essex Street Station, Jersey City, was struck in the cheek by a blast from an air gun on his way to work after addressing a number of men, urging them to strike. The missile took a painful gash in the skin, but he was suffering no bad effects from it to-day.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When croup, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a happy, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleanser" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a trustworthy laxative for a sick child to-morrow. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."—Advt.

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daughter had little if any money when she disappeared, because before going out with her skates she had taken out a check for \$25, cashed it and returned to him \$25, after having purchased articles for the household to the extent of \$2.

CHURCH WORKERS PRAY FOR GIRL'S RETURN. In protest against the alleged indifference of the police, and because of the great love for Miss Cruger in the Washington Heights Baptist Church, in which she taught the primary Sunday School class, Mrs. Harold Pattison, wife of the pastor, called a meeting of the leading women of the church at her home yesterday afternoon.

Prayers were said for the safe return of Miss Cruger. Committees were appointed to co-operate with the parents in their search and to encourage the Sunday School pupils and the former schoolmates of the girl in the Wadsworth High School to join.

An appeal for protection for young girls on streets "which are not safe for them unattended" was signed by Mrs. Pattison, Mrs. Gershon Smith, Mrs. John H. Brown, Mrs. B. M. Oxley and Miss Grace M. Chamberlain. "It is a terrible thing," said Mrs. Pattison to-day, "for any one to take a flimsy pretext for saying that a girl whose simple life and good heart were known to all of us in every detail went away with a man of her own accord. There is no question that if she is alive she is forcibly detained somewhere."

Cocchi, the motorcycle man, was a familiar figure on Riverside Drive because of his appearance there when snow was on the ground. His winter driving a swift motorcycle tied of his own invention. It was propelled in spurts by a motor-driven friction wheel, which was raised when it attained high speed so that the sled would coast by momentum for a block or more.

## CRIPPLE INSISTS ELKS OWE HIM A LIVING

So With Nurse Pamill Stops at Best Hotel and Sends Bill to Local Lodges.

Benighted and paralyzed, demanding that the world in general and the Elks in particular take care of him, H. C. Pamill, formerly of Lawton, Okla., with his nurse and his wheel chair, is now a guest of the Waldorf-Astoria.

Pamill broke his neck in 1910 while diving. He thinks the Elks should take care of him, as he was a member of the Lawton lodge. His procedure has been to stop at a hotel, stay until he got a bill, refer it to the nearest Elks lodge and move on in case the bill was unpaid. Scores of lodges have helped him; the Grand Lodge gave him \$500, and he was once in the Elks' home at Bedford, Va., but left by a writ of habeas corpus because he disliked it. Technically he is not now an Elk, his lodge having forfeited its charter and he not having applied for reinstatement elsewhere.

With his nurse, Miss Catherine Jerick, Pamill is said to have traveled through the States in his wheel chair, visiting thirty-one States. Pamill and his nurse, it is said, have been stopping at New York hotels for six months. He stops at hotels, he says, because he must have elevator service and boarding house keepers refuse to take him in.

## Boy Wished of the Wireless Kills Himself.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Heartbroken because his mother refused to allow him to attend a Boy Scout meeting, Earl Albert, fourteen years old, and known as the "boy wireless wizard" of Chicago, committed suicide. In his room where he was found with a revolver bullet hole in his head, the youthful genius had a complete radio outfit and scores of scientific books.

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Imported Robes of silk plush, \$40.00 to 65.00  
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Zibeline and Mohair Plush Robes, at \$12.00 to 32.00  
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Imported Robes of Scotch wool and vicuna, in a variety of desirable qualities and colorings \$10.00 to 45.00

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